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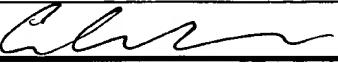
<i>Application Number</i>	09/686,731
<i>Filing Date</i>	October 10, 2000
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	William L. Eason
<i>Group Art Unit</i>	2144
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Marc D. Thompson
<i>Attorney Docket No.</i>	020431.0977

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  - b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
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Dear Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

In response to the Advisory Action mailed August 13, 2004 and the final Office Action mailed April 21, 2004, Applicants respectfully request continued examination of the present Application so that the Examiner may enter the following amendments and reconsider the rejection of the claims.